hotels and transfer them over to the private sector;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor;

(c) whether these hotels are running in losses; and

(d) by when it is proposed to complete this work?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Question does not arise in view of (a) above.

(c) During 1987-88 out of seven 5-star hotels of ITDC, only two have incurred losses. However, ITDC. earned an overall profit of Rs. 230.71 lakhs (provisional) during 1987-88 from these seven hotels.

(d) Question does not arise in view of (a) above.

Losses of Visakhapatnam Port Trust

41. SHRI YASHWANT SINHA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Vishakhapatnam Port Trust is losing Rs. 13 per tonne on iron-ore handled by it for export to Japan;

(b) what action Government propose to take to compensate the Vishakhapatnam Port Trust for this loss and by when; and

(c) whether the Paradip and Mangalore Port Trusts are also facing the same situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) The loss incurred by a port in the export of any commodity including iron ore depends on the actual throughput in a particular year. The Visakhapatnam Port Trust has incurred losses at varying levels during the last few years due to less realisation of traffic among other reasons.

(b) Government have recently permitted Visakhatpatnam Port Trust to increase the iron ore handling rate at Visakhapatnam Port to Rs. 40.94 per tonne from the year 1986-87 onwards.

(c) At Paradip and New Mangalore Ports also, the actual tarffic of iron ore is less than the designed throughputs.

नडियाद-कपड़वंज-मोडासा रेलवे परियोजना

42. **श्री मोर्जा ईर्शादबेग :** क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) सरकार ने नडियाद-कपड़वंज-मोडासा रेलवे परियोजना को किन आधारों पर स्वीकृत किया था और इस संबंध में अब तक क्या प्रगति हुई है;

(ख) क्या सरकार को कोई अभ्यावेदन/पत्र प्राप्त हुए हैं जिनमें उक्त परियोजना को पूरा किये जाने की मांग की गयी है; यदि हां, तो इनकी संख्या कितनी है;

(ग) उक्त परियोजना को कब तक पूरा किये जाने की संभावना है; और

(घ) क्या इसे पूरी तरह से बंद कर दिये जाने की संभावना है; यदि हां, तो उसके क्या कारण हैं?

रेल मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री माधवराव सिन्धिया) : (क) यह परियोजना विकासात्मक दृष्टि से स्वीकृत की गयी थी। इसकी प्रगति 9 प्रतिशत है।

(ख) जी हां। बहुत अधिक संख्या में अभ्यावेदन प्राप्त हुए हैं।